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FESTIVE CANDLELIGHT DINNER WILL BRING MEMBERS LATEST NEWS ON BICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION

This year the Candlelight Dinner will be held at the Haddon Fortnightly Club. You will note the change of date from the usual fourth Tuesday of the month to Tuesday, February 29. The change was made to avoid conflicting events at the Haddon Fortnightly.

The social festivities will be heightened by a brief "Punch Party" at 6:30 P. M. Dinner will be served promptly at 7 P. M. and will be catered by D. F. McCallister & Sons, famous for excellent food.

Perhaps the liveliest news of historical interest today is the fate of the Bicentennial Exposition proposed for Philadelphia. Many Philadelphians are saying only a miracle can save it. Some of the questions unresolved are. "Can the warring elements agree on a site within the next few weeks to meet the deadline for decision?" . . . "Do Philadelphians really want the Bicentennial Exposition?" . . . "What form will the Exposition take—chiefly trade and commercial, or cultural and artistic?"

To bring you the latest word on the Bicentennial Exposition, the Society got in touch with Mr. Herbert Lipson, publisher of Philadelphia Magazine, who is both a member of the Bicentennial Corp., the local planning group for the Exposition, and Mayor Rizzo's recently

DATE: Tuesday, February 29
CANDLELIGHT DINNER

TIME: Punch Party 6:30 P. M.
Dinner 7 P. M. promptly

PLACE: Haddon Fortnightly Club
House

CATERER: D.F. McCallister & Sons

RESERVATIONS:

Mail check (\$7.50 per person), payable to Historical Society of Haddonfield, to Mrs. John S. Wood, Jr., 535 Narberth Ave., Haddonfield. Phone, 429-8586.

Reservations must be received no later than February 26. Tickets will not be issued. Reservations will be held for you at the Dinner.

appointed 14-member committee to recommend a new site for the Exposition.

Mr. Lipson suggested Mr. Henry E. Putch, Director of Program Development for the Philadelphia Bicentennial Corp., as "the most qualified and most eloquent" to bring us up to date on the Bicentennial. Mr. Lipson personally invited Mr. Putch to speak in Haddonfield and Mr. Putch accepted.

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1882 BOOK NAMES HADDONFIELD "CLEANEST, MOST INVITING"

We owe it to Howard R. Kemble, Society member and trustee, another important morsel of information on the history of Haddonfield. Mr. Kemble, a knowledgeable researcher, has found the following account of Haddonfield in a book published in 1882 on "The Industries of New Jersey. Part 2—Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester, Atlantic, Camden and Cape May Counties."

"One of the most inviting towns in Camden County is Haddonfield which is located on the line of the Camden and Atlantic Railroad, six miles from Philadelphia, and fifty-five from Atlantic City. It is one of the cleanest and best kept towns within a short distance of Philadelphia and is a popular place of residence for many of the business men of the latter city during the summer months.

"Haddonfield dates its first settlement about two hundred years back, when John Haddon, a wealthy English Quaker, purchased 1000 acres of land, lying between Cooper's and Newton Creeks, about five miles east of Philadelphia. The section was then a wilderness. It was Mr. Haddon's intention to become a resident in the New World, but being possessed of considerable property in England and having a daughter married and settled there, he abandoned that idea and never saw his domain. His youngest daughter, however, a few years afterward, came across the ocean and made a settlement on the purchase, building a home, and the year following married. From this union sprung the early inhabitants of Haddonfield. The changes and growth of the village has been slow and its history has been devoid of startling incidents.

"The town of to-day has a population of about 1,200, and is handsomely built up with numerous attractive cottages and villas. The educational and religious pretensions of Haddonfield are modest and straightforward, but unrestrained. All

denominations of the Protestant faith are represented and the church buildings, six in number, are amply sufficient for the accommodation of a large populace, while the public schools are excellently conducted and presided over by efficient teachers. Private schools of the most unexceptionable order are located in the town.

"Haddonfield is well supplied with mercantile houses and is the centre of a large country trade. It has also a newspaper and the community is known for its culture and refinement. Numerous trains, together with its pleasant situation and surroundings, is fast bringing Haddonfield into greater prominence, and its future gives promise of a continued increase in population."

POPULAR DEMAND MAY REPEAT "CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS"

Everyone agreed it was a brilliant success—from every point of view. Socially, the old-fashioned Candlelight Christmas at Greenfield Hall on December 12 brought out several hundred people, many of whom lived outside of Haddonfield and had never been to Greenfield Hall. The handsome crowd was enlivened by what proved to be a bottomless Wassail Bowl, marvelous homemade holiday delicacies and a truly beautiful atmosphere redolent with Christmas greens and storybook decorations.

Financially, the party exceeded the fondest expectations of the Woman's Committee who was responsible for the event. The net profit was \$469.08. Admissions and donations amounted to \$502.00. All expenses were kept to a minimum which yielded the high profit.

Under discussion now at Woman's Committee meetings is whether to repeat the Christmas Open House every other year with the Candlelight Tour of Haddonfield Homes in between. Other details are being discussed and the Bulletin will report on them later.

LIBRARY ENRICHED BY GIFTS OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Submitted by Gertrude Hess, Librarian

January 31, 1972

Interest in the Haddonfield Historical Society is reflected in part by the books, manuscripts, artifacts and other memorabilia presented to it by members and friends. The growth of the library depends almost entirely on this source. Looking forward to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough in 1975 and the Bi-centennial of the nation in 1976 the Society makes a plea for materials of historic nature which may be preserved here for future generations—letters, account books, deeds, wedding certificates, printed items mentioning Haddonfield and its residents, books and pamphlets about New Jersey's social and political history, local newspapers, picture post cards of the area, prints, maps.

Recent accessions include a collection of twenty-two 17th century Quaker tracts bound together containing the notation "John Estaugh—His Book," and a parchment conveyance from Francis and Mary Collins to John Estaugh for 100 acres of land on the north side of Cooper's Creek, 1719. These two items, rich in association value, were presented by Mr. Benjamin T. Wood. From Mr. Clayton E. LaMar we received a partition deed between Caleb Cresson and wife and Joshua Cresson and wife for a lot in the district of Southwark in the county of Philadelphia, 1792, and the marriage certificate of Joshua Cresson and Catharine Winsom, July 2, 1845.

A miscellany of materials, consisting of some 50 pieces, collected by George A. M. Willson, a teenage resident of the Borough at the turn of the century, was presented by Mr. Charles A. Wells of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Among the interesting items were four issues of the *Advertising Gazette* published in Haddonfield by Mr. Willson in October - November 1900; programs of minstrel shows given by the Bohemian Club in the Haddon Opera House; picture post cards and other views of the Borough; *The High School Eclipse*, Vol. 1, No. 1-9, 1898-1899, edited by Thomas Hopkins and Hugo Muller; and a printed invitation to attend a hayride from Haddonfield to the home of Walter S. Cox in Medford, N. J., August 21, 1901.

Also received are 47 postal views of old Haddonfield from Florie Turnley and 2 postal views of our old town from Boyd Hitchner.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence J. Test gave a collection of 9 19th century imprints including *Proceedings Under the Laws of New Jersey*, 1839; *Life of George Washington* by Mason Locke Weems, 1858; *History of Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties* by Thomas Cushing and Charles E. Sheppard, 1883; *Monthly Repository and Library of Entertaining Knowledge* by Frances Wiggins, 1832-1833.

From Mrs. Stanley L. Brown we received the 1877 volume of the well-known *Peterson's Magazine*; a work by L. N. Capin with the intriguing title *The Beautiful, The Wonderful and The Wise*, 1888, a good example of those 19th century compilations on science, the arts and general house hold hints; and a somewhat gruesome broadside advertising a temperance meeting to be held in Bridgeton, New Jersey, not dated but presumably pre-1900.

Mrs. Joseph W. Pennypacker brought our file of *Antiques* up-to-date by the gift of the volumes for 1970 and 1971. Mr. Louis F. Mack added 3 items to the records pertaining to 254 King's Highway East which were noted in the last issue of the *Bulletin*. Mr. Howard R. Kemble placed a subscription in the name of the Society for the 1972 issues of *History in Review*, a well-illustrated little journal containing many interesting facts about New Jersey's history.

Sometime ago a report was made on the microfilming of certain early volumes of the local newspapers, *The Gazette* and *The Herald* done under the kind auspices of Mr. Elmer G. Van Name. The History Book Committee has now authorized the acquisition of positive copies of later volumes in these two files. To date we have films for 1965-1970.

The appreciation of the Society is extended to all of these donors.

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The title of Mr. Putch's talk is "THE BICENTENNIAL — PROBLEMS AND POSSIBILITIES." Mr. Lipson pointed out that no one in the Bicentennial

picture knows more about it than Mr. Putch. He will give us a depth report which will not be accessible in the newspapers and, most importantly, he will give his views on how the Exposition will affect our South Jersey region.

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